



# Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

## *City of Gardena, CA*

### BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Gardena supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Gardena (population 56,000) has one of the lowest assessed values per capita in the southwest area of Los Angeles County. With minimal land available for economic development, the city needs to redevelop brownfields to further economic growth. Many of the 47 brownfields already identified are clustered along major transportation routes in economically distressed areas of the city. Three-quarters of the population in these areas are low-income, minority residents.

The original Pilot completed six Phase I environmental assessments at brownfields in the northern section of the city. These sites included abandoned retail sites, a waste disposal sump site, and sites with known industrial contaminants. Two Phase II assessments and development of a cleanup design at another site are underway. The city's objectives for supplemental assistance are to continue the redevelopment momentum begun during the original Pilot, help relieve environmental justice concerns, provide new jobs to the local community, and increase the city's tax base.

### OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The supplemental funds will provide more detailed environmental assessments and prepare cleanup designs for the Discount Price Land and Gardena SUMP sites, which were the subject of Phase I assessments under the original Pilot. Supplemental funds also will be used to complete Phase I environmental assessments at seven additional brownfields sites. Gardena will continue to coordinate redevelopment planning at other Pilot sites that received Phase I assessments under the original grant.

#### PILOT SNAPSHOT



*City of Gardena,  
California*

**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2002

**Amount:** \$ 150,000

**Profile:** The Pilot will conduct additional assessment and cleanup planning at brownfields clustered along major transportation routes in economically distressed areas of the city.

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For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:  
[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

*Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:*

- Developing a cleanup plan for the Discount Price Land site and conducting additional sampling and cleanup planning at the Gardena SUMP site;
- Performing Phase I environmental assessments on up to seven potentially contaminated sites to

determine the need for additional assessments or to clear the sites for development; and

- Encouraging input and participation from the community and the private sector.

*The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.*